

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12-55 and 58-65 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12-55 and 58-65 have been rejected. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12-55 and 58-65 are currently pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 6-9, 12, 14, 19-22, 24-30, 32, 34-43, 45, 48-55, 58, 60 and 62-65 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,623,613 to Rowe et al. (hereinafter "Rowe") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,940,073 to Klosterman et al. (hereinafter "Klosterman") and U.S. Patent No. 6,005,565 to Legall et al. (hereinafter "Legall"). The Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection.

Even if the proposed combination teaches the claimed limitations within the present application, which the Applicants do not believe to be the case, no less than three references are relied on to support the rejection of the independent Claims 1, 19, 24, 29, 36, 53, 64, and 65. Four references are relied upon to support the rejection of the independent Claim 33. Such a multiplicity of references supports the Applicant's assertion of non-obviousness, because even with knowledge of the Applicant's structure, three and in some cases four references are relied on to pick and choose among the features of those references to come up with the proposed elements of the claimed invention. But for the knowledge of the claimed interactive display system, gleaned from the reading of the present application, it is not likely that one skilled in the art, would have thought of picking one part from one reference, one part from another reference, and still more from another. No one skilled in the art, so far as the cited patents are concerned, thought of making this combination, as evidenced from the multiplicity of references that are necessary to make the rejection.

Further, if the proposed combination of Rowe, Klosterman and Legall were obvious, which the Applicants do not believe to be the case, then the proposed combination does not teach the same system and method as claimed in the present application.

Rowe teaches a system for displaying programming information. Rowe teaches that programming information is presented via a schedule display having a category display, a subcategory display and a program display.

Klosterman teaches a method and system for displaying other information in a television program guide. Klosterman teaches displaying a virtual channel that may launch an application, connect to an internet site, connect to an information guide and the like. Klosterman further teaches that the system will launch a web-browser when the user selects an information region that promotes a website, or tunes to a virtual channel containing a URL. If a user selects a web page, that web page is displayed in a browser separate from the program guide.

It is acknowledged in the Office Action that both Rowe and Klosterman are silent on displaying categories, related channels, and associated individual content on the same screen. However, it is stated in the Office Action that Legall teaches a display for simultaneously showing a filtered program guide from categories, and associated individual content, and that it would have been obvious to modify the combination of Rowe and Klosterman to display category, related channels, and associated content as taught by Legall in order to display the contents on the same screen, as presently claimed. The Applicants respectfully disagree with this conclusion.

Legall teaches a display for showing a search result (Legall, label 215 in Figure 2) in a browser window 324 (also window 210 in Figure 2), and also show a filtered program guide 320 (also window 220 in Figure 2) based on the search results. There is no hint, teaching, or suggestion within Legall that indicates simultaneously displaying a set of categories, a set of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel.

Within the Office Action, it is stated that Legall does teach simultaneous display of categories, related channels, and associated individual content. To support this assertion, Figure 3A, label 322, and column 3, lines 17-27 of Legall are cited. The cited portions of Legall teach that a search result set 314 is obtained from user input into a search window 375. These search results 314 are applied to an electronic program guide (EPG) 316 to generate a filtered or modified EPG which is displayed as the filtered EPG 320 in Figure 3A. For comparative purposes only, the filtered EPG 320 is most analogous to the claimed set of channels based on a selected category. However, the selected categories are not displayed in the filtered EPG 320; instead, the available categories are shown in the search window 375, specifically label 344. The categories 344 are not displayed simultaneously with the filtered EPG 320. As shown in Figure 3B, the categories 344 are shown simultaneously with a general EPG, not labeled, in the upper right hand corner of the display. Legall teaches in column 3, lines 43-47 that once the user selects the go button 348, the search window 375, which includes the categories 344, is replaced by the results window (Legall, label 210 in Figure 2, and label 324 in Figure 3A) and the general

EPG is updated to reflect the results of the search, that is the filtered EPG 220 in Figure 2 (also EPG 320 in Figure 3A). As such, the category 344 is never simultaneously displayed with the filtered EPG 220,320. Accordingly, modifying the combination of Rowe and Klosterman according to the display system of Legall does not result in the claimed limitations of simultaneously displaying in a same screen the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content.

In contrast to the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination, the content navigator graphical user interface system and method of the present invention enables a user to display, access and navigate among a multiplicity of internet websites and television programming channels to access a multiplicity of categories, channels and individual content of potential interest to the user. The system and method of the present invention provide comprehensive displaying of such categories, channels and individual content to enable effective access and navigation therein, while enabling the use of substantial screen area for individual content of potential interest and providing access to linked information and increasing searching capabilities. The system also enables the user to navigate and select among the categories, related channels and associated individual content, from the same screen. The system of the present invention further enables the user to interactively navigate in the individual content. The individual content sources include interactive data and television programming sources. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen.

The independent Claim 1 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 1 comprises a graphical user interface adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. It is further specified in Claim 1 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to

the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user. It is further specified in Claim 1 that the graphical user interface is further adapted to enable the user to navigate within the same screen in the display among the categories, related channels, and associated individual content. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 6-9, 12 and 14 are all dependent upon the independent Claim 1. As discussed above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the Claims 6-9, 12 and 14 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 19 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 19 comprises a graphical user interface adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. The system of Claim 19 further comprises means for enabling the user to select among the set of categories, the related set of channels and the associated individual content. It is further specified in Claim 19 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user. It is further specified in Claim 19 that the means for enabling enables the user to select among the set of categories, the related set of channels, and the associated individual content within the same screen in the display. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories,

the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 19 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 20-22 are all dependent upon the independent Claim 19. As discussed above, the independent Claim 19 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the Claims 20-22 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 24 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 24 comprises a graphical user interface adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, comprising television programming and interactive data. The system of Claim 24 also comprises means for establishing an interactive data connection. It is further specified in the Claim 24 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual interactive data content of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user. It is also specified in the Claim 24 that the graphical user interface is further adapted to enable the user to navigate within the same screen in the display among the categories, related channels, and associated individual content. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 24 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 25-28 are all dependent upon the independent Claim 24. As discussed above, the independent Claim 24 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their

combination. Accordingly, the Claims 25-28 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 29 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content including extensions, of potential interest to a user. The system of Claim 29 comprises a graphical user interface adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, including television programming, interactive data and extensions. It is further specified in Claim 29 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, associated individual content, and extensions, of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content, and extensions, by the user. It is also specified in Claim 29 that the graphical user interface is further adapted to enable the user to navigate within the same screen in the display among the categories, related channels, and associated individual content. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 29 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 30 and 32 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 29. As discussed above, the independent Claim 29 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the Claims 30 and 32 are both also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 33 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 33 comprises a graphical user interface, which is comprised of a content description language and is adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user

interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. It is also specified in Claim 33 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. It is further specified in Claim 33 that the graphical user interface is further adapted to enable the user to navigate within the same screen in the display among the categories, related channels, and associated individual content. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 33 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 34 and 35 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 33. As discussed above, the independent Claim 33 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 34 and 35 are both also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 36 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 36 comprises a graphical user interface adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the individual content in each selectable channel includes information which is related to the selectable channel, including television programming and interactive data. It is specified in Claim 36 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. It is further specified in Claim 36 that the graphical user interface

is further adapted to enable the user to navigate within the same screen in the display among the categories, related channels, and associated individual content. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 36 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 37-43, 45 and 48-52 are all dependent upon the independent Claim 36. As discussed above, the independent Claim 36 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the Claims 37-43, 45 and 48-52 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 53 is directed to a method of enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user, in a system which includes a graphical user interface including a set of categories, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category, and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to the user, is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user, and is further adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. The method of Claim 53 comprises initially displaying the categories of potential interest to the user, enabling the user to select a desired category, displaying a plurality of the channels in a set of channels related to the selected category, enabling the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, and enabling the user to navigate among the categories, related channels, and associated individual content from the same screen. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the

same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 53 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Claims 54, 55, 58, 60, 62 and 63 are all dependent upon the independent Claim 53. As discussed above, the independent Claim 53 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the Claims 54, 55, 58, 60, 62 and 63 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 64 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 64 comprises a graphical user interface adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content in a single screen within the graphical user interface. The graphical user interface of Claim 64 includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. It is further specified in Claim 64 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user, within the single screen. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 64 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

The independent Claim 65 is directed to a method of enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel, and associated individual content by the user, in a system which includes a graphical user interface including a set of categories, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category, and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a single screen on a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual

content, of potential interest to the user, is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user, and is further adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. The method of Claim 65 comprises initially displaying the categories of potential interest to the user, enabling the user to select a desired category, and displaying a plurality of the channels in a set of channels related to the selected category, enabling the user to navigate interactively in the individual content within the single screen on the display. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories, the plurality of sets of channels related to a selected category, and individual content associated with a selected channel simultaneously within the same screen. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 65 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination.

Within the Office Action, Claims 23, 44 and 46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowe and Klosterman. Claim 23 is dependent upon the independent Claim 19. Claims 44 and 46 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 36. As discussed above, the independent Claims 19 and 36 are both allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 23, 44 and 46 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Within the Office Action, Claims 3, 4, 59 and 61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowe, Klosterman, and Legall in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,880,768 to Lemmons et al. Claims 3 and 4 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 1. Claims 59 and 61 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 53. As discussed above, the independent Claims 1 and 53 are both allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 3, 4, 59 and 61 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Within the Office Action, Claim 31 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowe, Klosterman, and Legall in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,532,754 to Young et al. Claim 31 is dependent upon the independent Claim 29. As discussed above, the independent Claim 29 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claim 31 is also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Within the Office Action, Claims 13, 15, 18, 33-35 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowe, Klosterman, Legall in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,555 to Shoff et al. (hereinafter "Shoff"). Shoff teaches an interactive entertainment system for presenting supplemental interactive content together with continuous video programs. Shoff teaches supplying supplemental interactive content presented alongside traditional broadcast programs. Shoff does not teach interactively navigating individual content within a graphical user interface which also displays the set of categories and the plurality of sets of channels. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall nor their combination teaches interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also simultaneously displays the set of categories and the plurality of sets of channels within the same screen. Accordingly, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall, Shoff nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also simultaneously display the set of categories and the plurality of sets of channels within the same screen.

Claims 13, 15 and 18 are all dependent upon the independent Claim 1. As discussed above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 13, 15 and 18 are all allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 33 is directed to a system for enabling the simultaneous displaying in a display of a set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to a user, and for enabling the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. The system of Claim 33 comprises a graphical user interface, which is comprised of a content description language and is adapted to enable the user to navigate interactively in the individual content, wherein the graphical user interface includes a set of categories of potential interest to a user, a plurality of sets of channels, wherein each set of channels is related to a category and individual content associated with each of the channels, wherein the individual content includes television programming and interactive data. It is also specified in Claim 33 that the graphical user interface is adapted to enable the simultaneous displaying in a same screen in a display of the set of categories, a set of related channels, and associated individual content, of potential interest to the user, and is adapted to enable the selection of a category, a related channel and associated individual content by the user. It is further specified in Claim 33 that the graphical user interface is further adapted to enable the user to navigate within the same screen in the display among the categories, related channels, and

associated individual content. As described above, neither Rowe, Klosterman, Legall, Shoff nor their combination teach or make obvious, interactively navigating individual content within the graphical user interface which also simultaneously displays the set of categories and the plurality of sets of channels, within the same screen in the display. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 33 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall, Shoff and their combination.

Claims 34 and 35 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 33. As discussed above, the independent Claim 33 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall, Shoff and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 34 and 35 are both also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Claim 47 is dependent upon the independent Claim 36. As discussed above, the independent Claim 36 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claim 47 is also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Within the Office Action, Claims 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowe, Klosterman, and Legall in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,673,089 to Yuen et al. Claims 16 and 17 are both dependent upon the independent Claim 1. As discussed above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Rowe, Klosterman, Legall and their combination. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 16 and 17 are both also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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